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(54) Title: HEPARIN-BINDING PEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

(57) Abstract: Heparin-binding peptides are provided of the formula R₁(X₁B₁B₂X₂B₃X₃Y₁R₂)_nR₃, R₁(X₁B₁B₂B₃X₂X₃B₄X₄Y₁R₂)_nR₃, and C(X₁B₁B₂B₃X₂X₃B₄X₄)_nC; wherein X₁, X₂, X₃, and X₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrophobic amino acids; B₁, B₂, B₃, and B₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of basic amino acids; C is cysteine; Y₁ is zero or one to ten amino acid residues, wherein at least one amino acid residue is proline; n is an integer from one to ten; and R₁, R₂, and R₃ are independently selected segments containing from zero to twenty amino acid residues, provided, at least one of the segments R₁, R₂, and R₃ comprises at least one hydrophobic amino acid residue. The peptide C(X₁B₁B₂B₃X₂X₃B₄X₄)_nC is optionally cyclized via a disulfide bond formed between cysteine residues. The peptides are administered to reduce plasma LMWH and heparin levels and to reduce the anticoagulant effects of heparin and LMWH. The peptides are also administered to inhibit microbial growth and to inhibit mast cell serine proteases involved in various diseases and disorders. The peptides are also administered as carriers to deliver active agents.

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